Our Mission: *To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.*

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council
From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager & Staff

DATE: Sep 22, 2026

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Sep 5, 2026 – Sep 18, 2026

Submitted by Darin DeHaan, City Manager

Rock River Sweep Reflection: Thank you to the committee members, companies and volunteers!

On Saturday, my wife and I joined several of our Sustainability Committee members and other community volunteers for the Rock River Sweep to help clean up along our beautiful Rock River.



Two things really stood out to me.

First, the power of volunteerism.

There is something special about seeing people give their time simply because they care about their community. Seeing the smiles, muddy boots, sweat, laughter, and people working side-by-side to make a difference was inspiring. It reminded me that volunteerism does more than accomplish a task—it builds community spirit.

It builds **internal spirit**, too. When you step away from the day-to-day responsibilities and work alongside your neighbors toward something positive, you leave with a renewed sense of pride and purpose. These experiences remind us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

And that spirit carries into the community. When people see their neighbors volunteering, they are reminded that they, too, can make a difference. It creates connections, strengthens relationships, and builds pride in the place we call home.

Second, as an avid fisherman, I couldn't help but be disappointed by some of the trash we found making its way into the river.

The Rock River is one of Oregon's greatest natural resources. It provides recreation, beauty, wildlife habitat, and countless memories for people who fish, kayak, hike, or simply enjoy being near the water. Seeing the amount of trash that ends up in our waterways is a reminder that what we do on land ultimately affects our river.

But I left the cleanup feeling way more encouraged than discouraged.

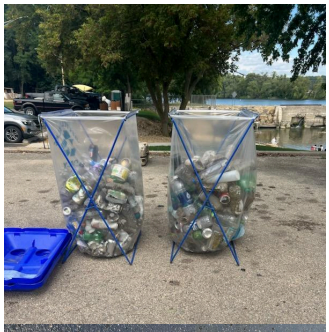
The best part wasn't the trash we found—it was the **people who showed up to do something about it.**

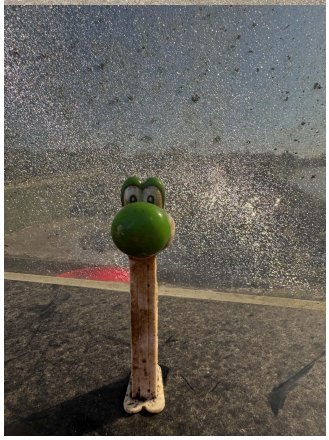
Every bag collected, every piece of litter removed, and every person who gives a little of their time adds up to something much bigger. That's how communities become stronger—**one volunteer, one helping hand, and one good deed at a time.**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Rock River Sweep, as well as all of the organizations who provided services, supplies and support, and to all those who continue to give their time to make Oregon a better place.

When a community comes together, even small acts of service can create a lasting impact. I'm proud to be part of a community that cares.





- Cheryl and I reviewed a potential new payroll software. We are analyzing the costs/benefits that it may provide.
- Continuing working with our IT consultants on moving our emails to .gov there are a few issues I'm still working out.
- Attended the Sustainability Committee meeting. We are finalizing a few things with ECO Oregon and then we are ready to review the sustainability plan for next actions.
- Attended the CMAAA board of directors meeting. I spent a few minutes discussing the potential capital projects we are looking at for the Coliseum.
- Attended a round table meeting/discussion with local leadership on the future of Taft Campus.
- I held a meeting with the Police Department leadership team. We had a great discussion of current and future needs for the department, current crime trends, and other support related discussions. I appreciate the update and vision that came out of the meeting.
- I was honored to attend the ground breaking ceremony for Regan Mass Transit. Thank you to Destini for the work she did on behalf of RMTD.



Pictured L-R Destini Benesh, Dir of Main Street, Mel Cozzi, Council Member, Liz Hiemstra, Exec Dir OCEDC, Terry Schuster, Council Member, Sen. Arellao, Mayor Williams, Josiah Flanagan, Council Member, Darin DeHaan, City Manager, Rep. Brad Fritts, Greg Gates, RMTD Exec Director

- Economic Development:
    - Continue working on several open spaces for potential commercial use.
    - Continue working on housing needs assessment.
    - Replied to several Kunes building inquiries.
    - Reviewing an engineering agreement for a demo bid for the last remaining buildings around the new street garage. This goes to council on 09/22/26
- Public Works Projects:
    - Worked with Bill on our response to several water main breaks on the east side of Oregon. Huge thank you to Bill and the team that worked hard to get water service back to residents and businesses. We will be discussing this at the 9/22/26 council meeting.
    - Continue work on the welcome sign designs.
    - Working with Bill on the coliseum updates.
    - Reviewed a tree complaint and I am working with staff on a response.
- Ordinances:
    - Reviewed several of our existing ordinances in our code book and made few substantive changes like spelling, spacing etc.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk

- The next brush pickup is scheduled for Monday September 28th.

MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Monday Oct 13, 2026 9:00 AM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday Oct 13, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday Oct 20, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Board:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Main Street Submitted by Destini Benesh

- Attended Session 1 of 3 for the "Supporting Small Businesses on Main Street" course.
- Completed the design and final revisions for the quarterly newsletter, "Know Your Neighbor," which is scheduled for distribution at the end of this month.
- Participated in and supported RMTD's groundbreaking ceremony.
- Continue engaging with local business owners and community leaders to explore future opportunities.
- Actively working with multiple committees (All Trails Lead to Oregon, Autumn on Parade, Candlelight Walk) to promote various initiatives and events within our community.

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell

A. Daily Tasks

- Help Schedule
- Approve Bills
- Purchased supplies
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Safety Training

B. Projects

- Headworks
    - Nothing new
- Lead Service Inventory
    - Review service list
- 2026 Local Road Projects
    - Help verify quantities
    - Help decide on how to mill and pave road
    - Review plans for errors
    - Notify public of project
- 2026 MFT Project
    - Work on limits of project
    - Work with business owners, city hall and police for parking and garbage location while slurry seal cures
    - Provide estimate for Village of Progress
    - Check on crew installing slurry seal
    - Notify public of project
- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
    - Review plan and help design in the field





    - Review drainage issues
    - Notify business owners
- Pedestrian Crossing
    - Requested prices on RRFB's
- Emailed IDOT for approval
- Help with new hire paperwork and administration duties
- Compared city code to other municipalities

C. Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting
- Bid Openings

D. Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum report

Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock

A. Daily Tasks

- Trash pickup of city trash cans
- Crew has started the yearly mowing projects.



B. Projects

- Crew prepped and poured 130 ft of new sidewalk to help with the walkability of the city.
- Crew restored areas that were disturbed from the sidewalk pour
- Crew rented a machine to do some heavy duty trimming of overgrown brush in areas throughout the city.
- Crew patched 2 areas of street that were in need of repair.
- Crew worked with Hey Tree Service to flag for traffic in order to remove a large tree along the highway.

C. Training

- Had weekly safety training on jobsite awareness.
- Worked on weekly safety training
- Foreman worked on continuing education classes
- Worked on updating our list of required OSHA training for the year.

D. General

- Street Foreman worked with Public Works Director and Fehr Graham on different aspects of the East Side sidewalk project as well as the Century Hills mill and overlay project.
- Crew put out notices to residents that are impacted by the various projects.

Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace

A. Daily tasks

- Daily chores
- Testing full set (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks, multiple times daily due to rags, debris
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the Water Department
- Monthly reports to the EPA
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)

B. Head Works

- Nothing new at this time

C. Scada Upgrade

- Metro Cloud, Nothing new at this time

D. Training

- Safety Training, jobsite awareness.
- Worked with Cody on Waste activated sludge.

E. General

- Fire hosed South Clarifier
- Worked with contractors on s. 2nd St. repairs
- Chemical delivery, Full Delivery 9-1-2026
- Submitted monthly reports to IEPA
- New Phones and internet in office
- Repaired Chlorine pump at contact basin
- Clogged collector on South Clarifier due to rags and debris (this has been fixed)
- Vactor with Benesh. Influent station for grease, Grit chamber for git, and RAS station for rags
- Cleared trees and bushes at gates, and fences





Water Department Submitted by Aidan Ellsworth

A. Daily Tasks

- Chores
- Daily Testing
- Julie Locates
- Final reads
- Water turn-ons
- Water shut-offs
- Generator checks

B. Wells

- Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- Received Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process control
- Received replacement parts for Chemical feed pumps
- Adjust chemical feed pump to account for temperature change

C. Meter Replacement Program

- Firing on all cylinders installed every meter we had on site! New batch of meters delivered 8-31-26. Looking to start making appointments later this week!

D. EPA compliance

- Completed Monthly Bac-t/ Fluoride sampling for Epa compliance
- Completed Monthly Operating Reports for August 2026 for Epa compliance..
- Finished final samples for lead and copper.

- Working with EPA on PFAS rule.

E. Training

- Worked with Cody on meter reading 9-1-2026
- Safety training on jobsite awareness.

F. General

- Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- Worked with customers and plumbers on water leaks.
- Worked with customers on meter repairs, and replacement of meters.
- Fielded phone calls related to 1st st water leak
- Locates and Tracing of numerous projects around town.

Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- The Oregon Police Department would like to put some information out to the public about the upcoming laws that were just passed for E-Bikes, E-Scooters and E-mobility Devices. The Illinois Governor signed into law Public Act 104-0854 (SB 3484) on August 26, 2026 and will go into effect January 1, 2027.



OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Illinois E-Bike & Micromobility Law Guide

NEW ILLINOIS E-BIKE LAWS

Public Act 104-0854 (SB 3484) | Effective January 1, 2027

WHAT CHANGES?

Illinois establishes statewide rules for low-speed e-bikes, high-powered/high-speed electric cycles, e-scooters, electric skateboards, electric unicycles and related devices. Major changes include minimum ages, statewide sidewalk restrictions and motor-vehicle requirements for devices classified as motor-driven cycles.

Low-Speed Electric Bicycle Classes

Class	Motor operation	Assisted speed	Minimum age	License/title/registration/insurance
1	Pedal assist	≤20 mph	15+	No
2	Throttle assist	≤20 mph	15+	No
3	Pedal assist	≤28 mph	16+	No

Requirements for Class 1, 2 & 3 E-Bikes

- Class 1 and Class 2 operators must be at least 15 years old; Class 3 operators must be at least 16.
- No driver's license, title, registration or motor-vehicle liability insurance is required for ordinary Class 1, 2 or 3 e-bikes.
- E-bikes are prohibited from sidewalks statewide.
- Class 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes may generally use streets, bike lanes, bike paths and shared-use trails, subject to authorized property-specific restrictions.
- An operator under 18 may not carry a passenger unless the bicycle is manufactured for passengers and the passenger is a sibling, stepsibling, child or stepchild of the operator.